prepared to increase Rs. 10,000/- for infrastructure facilities. Sir, we have sanctioned 19,000 houses for Hyderabad city.

SHRI PRAFUL PATEL : Sir, the slum in big cities are a major problem. Mumbai city is especially known as the slum capital of the country, where 60 per cent of the people are living in sub-human conditions, Since the time is very short, I will straightaway come to the point. Slum have to be relocated. But how will they be relocated in a city like Mumbai? We have a problem of land shortage. There are thousands of hectares of *Khar* land which is called salt land in Mumbai. This salt land prevents further construction or any kind of construction on those kinds of lands. Will the Minister be kind enough to take into account that the *Khar* lands of Mumbai are freed their zoning restrictions which exist today...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SURESH A. KESWANI : Sir, we should have a Half-an-hour Discussion on it.

MISS MABEL REBELLO: Sir, you should allow a Half-an-hour Discussion on it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

New Health Policy

*484. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minster of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Health Policy of 1983 has become outdated because of disease profile and availability of treatment;

(b) whether almost half the children under the age of three and more than one, out of every three, continue to be malnourished;

(c) whether a meeting of State Health Ministers was held recently in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details of decisions taken; and

(e) by when the new Health Policy would be formulated ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) While the broad contours of the National Health Policy still hold good, with the passage of time new concerns have emerged as a result of epidemiological and demographic transition requiring a revision of the Policy.

(b) National Health Family Survey-II (1998-99) has estimated the prevalence of malnutrition as 47% in children below 3 years.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Valuable suggestions on various fundamental determinants such as financial resources, equity, role of States, private sector and human resource development were received during the Seventh Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare. Other issues like decentralisation, women's health, urban health, non-health determinants like provision of safe drinking water, basic sanitation, adequate nutrition cleaner environment, manpower deployment in remote areas were also discussed.

Draft of the new National Health Policy is currently under finalisation. Thereafter, this would be circulated to State/UTs, Central Ministries and NGOs for comments and finally placed before the Cabinet for approval.

Sub-Plan for minorities in Tenth Plan

*485. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has received any proposal to accommodate a Sub-plan for minorities in Tenth Five Year Plan with allocation of funds for economic, educational and social uplift of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which her Ministry proposes to proceed further in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MATIMANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The President, Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind has proposed allocation of funds for a Sub-plan in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the welfare of Minorities by the Planning Commission.

(c) The proposal submitted by Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind is being considered in consultation with the Planning Commission.